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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 000515-141

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Urban WIDLUND) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/194,700) Examiner: M. Kidwell
Filed: March 4, 1999) Confirmation No.: 3507
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING)
IMPROVED SURFACE PROPERTIES)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	17	MINUS 21 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	84.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					84.00

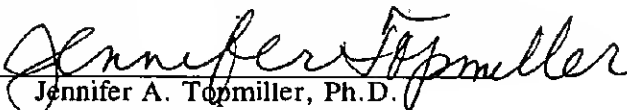
☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 84.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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REPLY & AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18 and 21.

Please amend claims 1, 16, 17, 19, 20, and 22 as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) Absorbent article for maintaining mucous membranes of a user moist, the absorbent article comprising:
 - a liquid-pervious surface layer,
 - a liquid-impervious surface layer, and